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## OFFICE OF ECONOMICS AND ANALYTICS AND WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN ANNUAL REPORTING PORTAL

Filings are due May 5, 2022

WC Docket No. 18-89

By this Public Notice, the Office of Economics and Analytics and the Wireline Competition Bureau announce the establishment of the online reporting portal for providers of advanced communications services to report the extent to which their networks contain or use covered communications equipment or services. This report must be submitted no later than **May 5**, 2022.

Section 5 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (Secure Networks Act) directed the Commission to require providers of advanced communications service<sup>1</sup> to report and certify annually whether the provider has purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained any covered communications equipment or service on the list of covered communications equipment and services (Covered List)<sup>2</sup> on or after August 14, 2018 or within 60 days after the date on which the Commission places such equipment or service on the Covered List.<sup>3</sup> If a provider cannot certify that it has no covered communications equipment or services it must then provide information regarding the locations, types, suppliers, historic and replacement cost, functionality, replacement plans, and a detailed justification of why such equipment was obtained.<sup>4</sup>

Accordingly, per section 5 of the Secure Networks Act and section 1.50007 of the Commission's rules, all providers of advanced communications services must file the Supply Chain Annual Report, regardless of whether or not they are eligible to participate in the Secure and Trusted Communications

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Commission has defined "advanced communication service" to mean high-speed, switched, broadband telecommunications capability that enables users to originate and receive high-quality voice, data, graphics, and video telecommunications using any technology with connection speeds of at least 200 kbps in either direction. 47 CFR § 1.50001(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-124, 133 Stat. 158 (2020) (codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. §§ 1601–1609) (Secure Networks Act). For the Covered List, see <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist">https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Commission codified this requirement in the 2020 Supply Chain Report and Order. See Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18-89, Second Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14284, 14369, para. 212 (2020) (2020 Supply Chain Order); 47 CFR § 1.50007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id*.

Networks Reimbursement Program.<sup>5</sup> As this is a new information collection, past participation in the 2019 Supply Chain Information Collection does not constitute compliance with this reporting requirement.

Each provider of advanced communications services must file an initial report within 90 days of this announcement—i.e., **May 5, 2022**. Thereafter, any provider that has previously certified that it had purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained covered communications equipment and services on the Covered List must continue to submit a report once per year on or before March 31 with respect to information as of December 31 of the previous year until such covered communications equipment and services are removed.<sup>6</sup>

An advanced communications service provider that does **not** have any covered communications equipment or services must file a report and certify as such through the same online reporting portal by **May 5, 2022.** Following the certification, the provider will not need to file subsequent annual reports unless the provider purchases, rents, leases, or obtains covered communications equipment or services at a later date, or if additional equipment or services are added to the Covered List that would mean that the provider can no longer certify that it does not have any covered communications equipment or services to report. If a provider that previously certified that it did not have covered communications equipment or services must file a new annual report, it must report information on such equipment when it is obtained and then annually as described in the preceding paragraph. The Covered List can change and it is incumbent upon providers to remain alert to further notices announcing changes to the list. The current Covered List is available at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist">https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain/coveredlist</a>.

The reporting portal, instructions, and other information regarding the Annual Reporting requirement are now available at https://www.fcc.gov/supplychain.

For additional information and questions regarding the FCC's Supply Chain Data Collection Annual Reporting requirement, send an email to <a href="SupplyChainData@fcc.gov">SupplyChainData@fcc.gov</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 1604; 47 CFR § 1.50007.

<sup>6 47</sup> CFR § 1.50007(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id. § 1.50007(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id*.